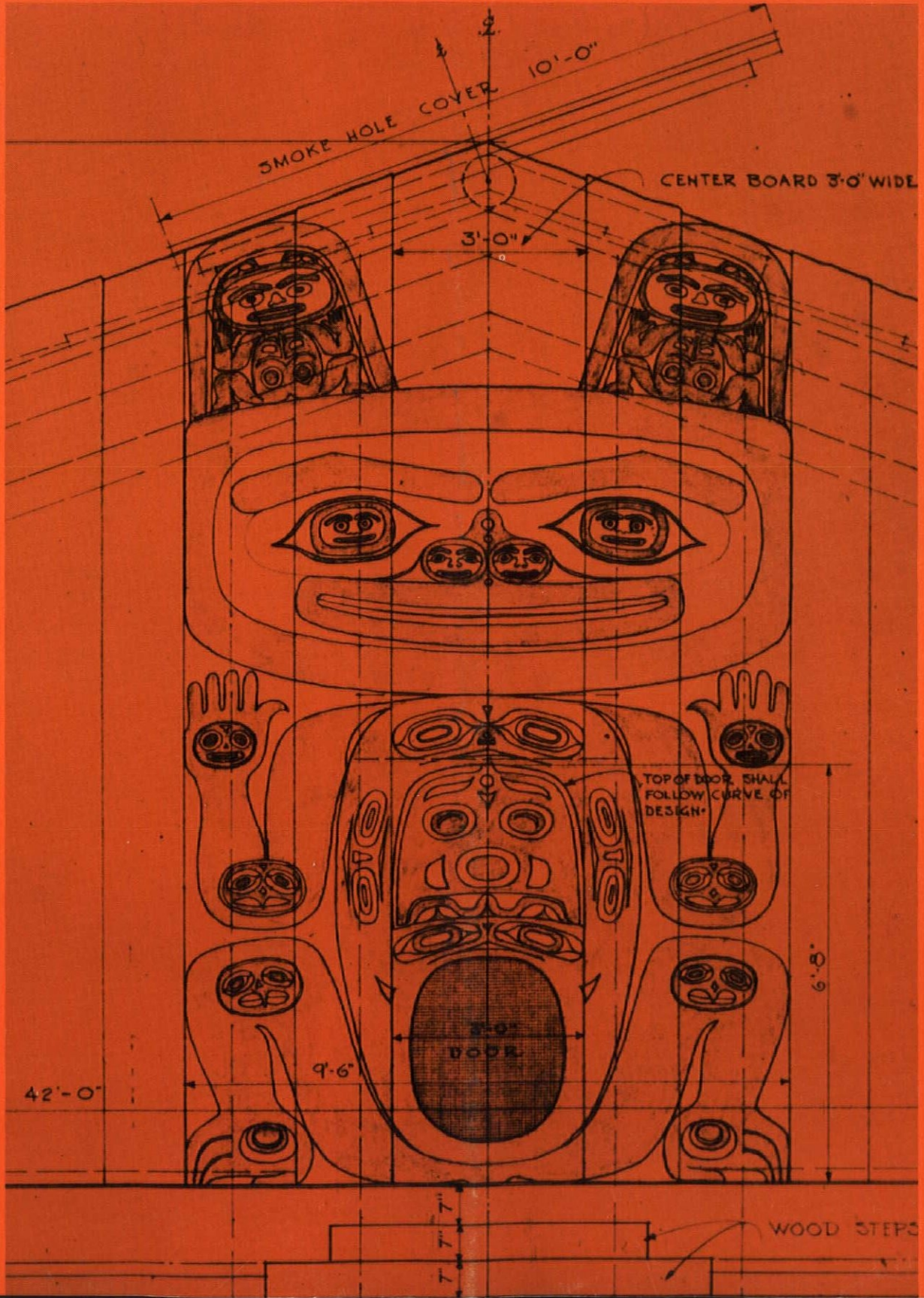


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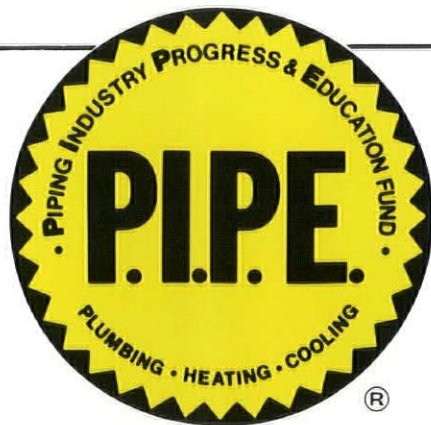
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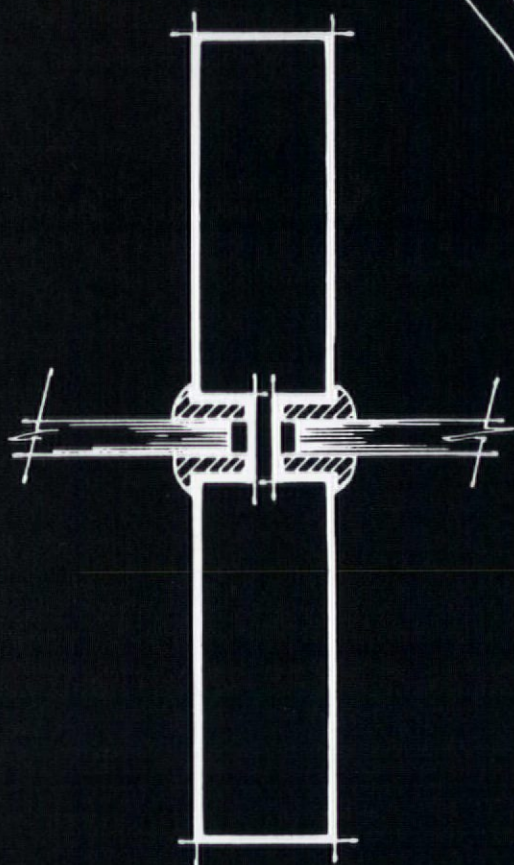
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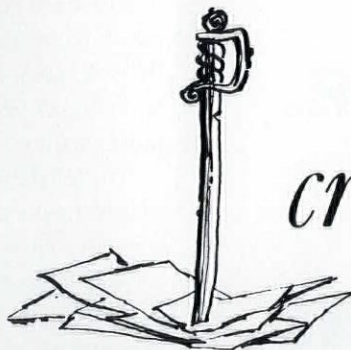
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critique

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your profile on Bruce M. Walker. Mr. Walker has evidently contributed to the physical environment, but what about the human environment? I would wonder about this after his somewhat depreciative reference to his initial employer, a one-man operation. This comment brought to mind the following:

"A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing."—Tillotson

Maybe there is more to architecture than man-structured elements?

**Arthur K. Olsen, Architect
Salt Lake City, Utah**

We believe, Mr. Olsen, if you will re-read the article, you will find that no reference was made to a one-man office. The firm had two principals, one of whom provided the impetus for Bruce Walker to attend the Harvard Graduate School of Design where one might say, he began the process of becoming the fine and sensitive architect he is today.

Dear Mr. Trunk:

Enjoyed the well done preview of the Northwest Regional AIA Conference in Portland, Symposia, October, 1974. Where did the quote under the headline:

... "I must be in the city, for that is where I find the energy, the vibrance, the vitality that denotes the community of man."

come from?

Sincerely,

**A. Robert Thomas, Assistant Director
Eugene, Oregon Renewal Agency**

Since we were at a loss to answer your question, we queried Portland architect, Dick Norman . . . who answered promptly, "I checked with Pat Loukes (General Chairman) and found that "I must be in the City" etc. came from an article by Lawrence Halprin entitled "The City", but he couldn't recall the publication." Perhaps a reader somewhere will be able to enlighten us further.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Trunk:

Thanks for continuing your fine publication, Symposia.

One of my favorite features is the "I Will Fight No more—Forever" by H. Robert Wilmsen, FAIA. I especially

appreciated the penetrating wisdom of his comments in the first and last paragraphs of your November issue. Hope you will relay to him this note of encouragement for independent thinking.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Bill Marshall
Evergreen, Colorado

There is one thing we can count on . . . when our Old Indian up Portland way gets a burr under his saddle . . . we get letters! Here's another—

Gentlemen:

I snaked Symposia out of the early morning mail this fine day and eagerly turned to "Fight No More—Forever". Actually, the day was foggy and my letter opener was dull. In a matter of minutes I was down on my knees striking my chest. Robert, that you could do such a thing to me early in the morning and then talk about Honor Awards in the same issue. Red Cloud has always been my hero, though I conduct myself in the office more like Sitting Bull. Obviously, the badge of greatness is not having your likeness on a 94% silver nickle.

Very truly yours,

John W. McGough, AIA
Spokane, Washington

Dear Fletcher:

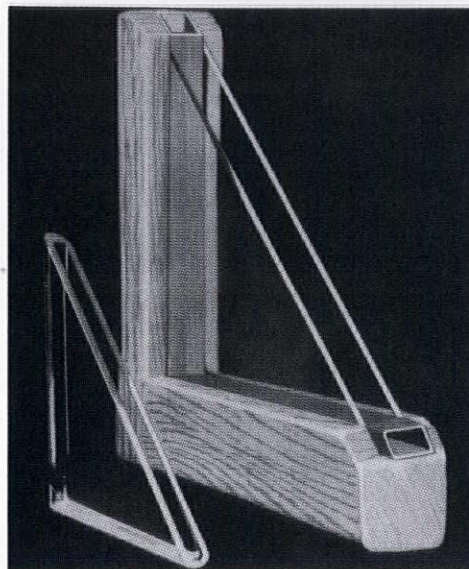
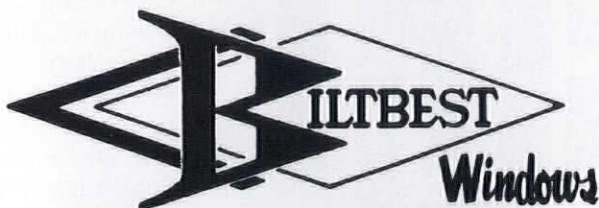
I have just looked through the November issue of Symposia which we received this morning, and I must take a moment to offer a bit of constructive criticism regarding the section showing "the 1974 Design Awards Competition, Western Mountain Region."

The photographs are outstanding, the comments are concise and expressive, but no mention is made of the contractor. Our company was not involved in any of the projects, but it is a "pet peeve" of mine that the General Contractor is so often omitted in the news media when construction projects are described. I like to think of the building "team" as consisting of the Owner, the Architect, and the general contractor, and I would urge that future issues of Symposia include all the team members and not just the owner and architect.

Very truly yours,

Joe H. Bergheim, President
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We heartily concur, Joe, and when the information is available we endeavor to credit all those concerned with the success of the project . . . owner, architect, his consultants . . . engineers, landscape and interior people, and certainly the G.C. who takes all that paper and makes a building out of it.



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Annual Meeting

January 31 is the date for the traditional all-day Annual gathering of the AGC/Colorado-Building Chapter, Inc. It will be held this year at Denver's new Marriott and the Intra-Industry Luncheon will feature Ben M. Hogan, Vice President of A.G.C., from Little Rock, Arkansas—a Heavy, Highway and Municipal Contractor.

This year's Dinner/Dance Committee has gone "all out" — this Annual Gala which will also be at the Marriott and will feature Frankie Masters and his Orchestra direct from an engagement at Chicago's Palmer House. Music for the Cocktail Hour and ("the pack of hungry cannibals") — Dinner will be provided by the El Jebel Synopators and we are told they play a very good brand of "Dixie-Land."

Both words and music indicate that this year's AGC/C Annual will be an outstanding event.

"World of Construction"

Members of the Nex Mexico Building Branch, Associated General Contractors, heard a description of "World of

Construction" at their monthly membership meeting November 13 at the Hilton Inn. Dr. Milt Garrett, professor of Industrial Education at the University of New Mexico, and Orin Buchleiter, industrial education specialist with the Albuquerque Public Schools, discussed the progress of World of Construction in the state's secondary schools.

A slide presentation, prepared by the Associated General Contractors of America, discussed the purpose and operation of World of Construction and why the national AGC supports it in public school systems throughout the country. Both Dr. Garrett and Mr. Buchleiter stressed the importance of expanding building trades curricula beyond the junior high school level. At the present time, a building trades curriculum is being held at Rio Grande High School in Albuquerque.

The program needs continued support through advice and other forms of assistance. Buchleiter stated that the "World of Construction" teaches a concept of the construction industry for seventh and eighth graders, but that additional development is needed on the high school level.

Delays — Disputes and . . .

Arbitration Seminar/November

Some extra special thanks to Don Decker and "ever faithful" Tom Gilmore for this excellent report of the Conference held November 15 at the

Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Jointly sponsored by the C.A.P. (Construction Advancement Program, administered by the AGC/C Building Chapter) and the American Arbitration Association, this could well be, says Tom, "one of the most interesting and productive one-day conferences we have had."

Tom reports:

"Some 200 persons were gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Broadmoor from 9:45 a.m. until shortly after 4:00 p.m. They included owners, architects, engineers, general and specialty contractors, suppliers of materials and services to the Industry, attorneys and representatives of the several echelons of government . . . city, state and national. Robert A. Ruyle, Vice President of Hensel-Phelps Construction Company (Greeley) was the first speaker and gave an excellent cover of the subject from the standpoint of the G.C. — "Delays and Disputes: How They Develop and How to Prevent Them." He put the entire conference "in focus" with his discussion. (We have, at hand, Mr. Ruyle's remarks which space permitting we hope to publish in an upcoming. Excellent material!)

Several presentations of a technical nature followed . . . James Johnston of Denver (Attorney and Professor at Denver U.) on "Settlement Procedures"; Attorney David Walker



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of New Orleans on "Contractual Arbitration Provisions" and Regional Director, Helmut O. Wolff of the American Arbitration Association (Dallas) on the "Case Administration of Construction Industry Arbitration Disputes."

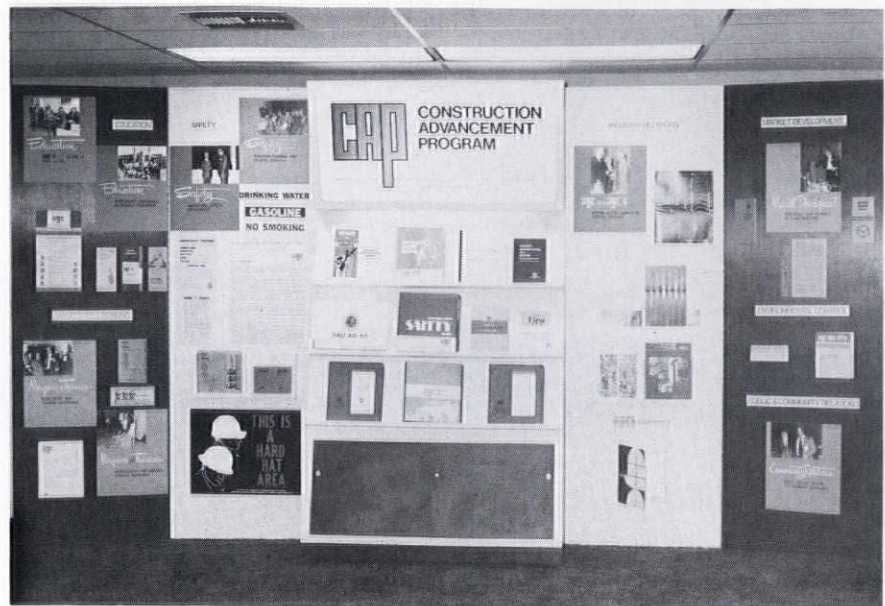
At the luncheon in the Penrose Room ... all 200 of the conferees squeezed in and ate ... we were cordially welcomed by the Mayor of Colorado Springs. Vice President Michael F. Hoellering of the American Arbitration Association, New York, then described the current trends and developments in building construction arbitration, and how arbitration was becoming an important means of settling disputes in almost every phase of American business.

The afternoon portion took on the nature of a panel of experts who discussed ways to resolve non-labor disputes. Moderated by Harold G. Had-don, of Mead and Mount Construction Company, the panel presented the views of the general contractor, engineer, attorney and architect. Members of the panel were:

E. B. Jones, General Contractor
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William P. DeMoulin, Attorney
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Sorry, no color, Tom, but the new CAP Display looks great in the simple elegance of black and white.

Arthur H. Bush, Architect
Arthur H. Bush & Associates

All of those named are members of the American Arbitration Association and have served as arbiters of disputes.

David E. Walker, Attorney, from New Orleans rounded out the afternoon by describing how construction labor disputes might be resolved through arbitration. He recommended this approach wherever possible as the quickest and least expensive means of coming to terms.

As mentioned earlier the conference was co-sponsored by the Construc-

tion Advancement Program (CAP) and the American Arbitration Association. CAP, of course, is administered by the Associated General Contractors of Colorado, Building Chapter. This conference enabled us for the first time to make use of our new display of CAP activities. It was transported to the Broadmoor and set up in the hallway, as the conferees approached the Grand Ballroom and registration desk. A picture of the display is enclosed. Of course it shows up better in color and we are quite proud of it. You'll have to drop in and take a look the next time you're in our neighborhood."

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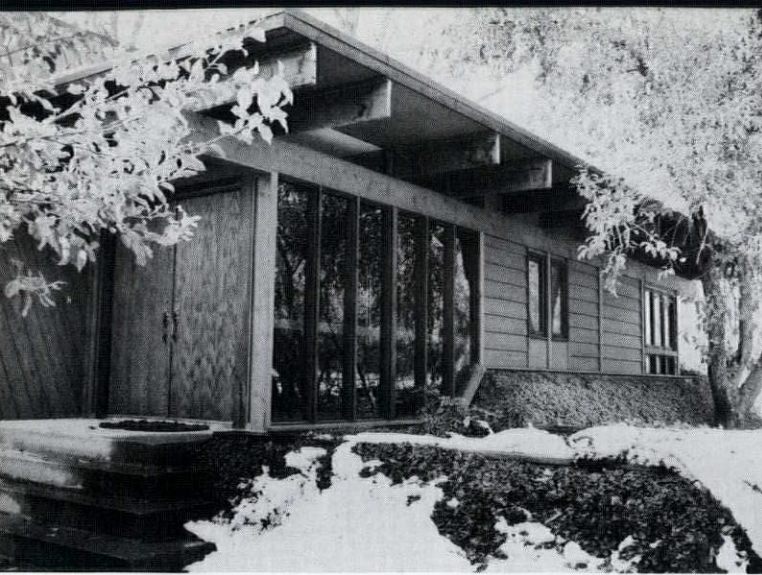
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 James Copeland, Designer

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RESIDENCE FOR ROBERT ESPERTI—BRECKENRIDGE
ARCHITECTS: Johnson Associates, Denver
 Mark Johnson, Designer



Architectural Awards/1974

Six Colorado Architects were honored in this 1974 Awards Program—the sixth such annual event—sponsored by Wood, Inc., the nonprofit organization created to further the use of wood. These Citations for Excellence were selected from over fifty entries and were presented at the Annual Awards Banquet held Wednesday evening, November 20 at Stoffer's Denver Inn. The final judging team included Art and Architectural Critic from the Rocky Mountain News, Duncan Pollock; Rosalie Merzbach Associate Editor of the Daily Journal; Fletcher Trunk of Symposia and chaired by Robert Tweed of Denver Reserve Supply Company. All judging is done at the site of the project, and the principal criteria is the architect's use of wood in the design of the structure to create an outstanding example of the built environment. Five of the awards were given for single family residences, one for a multi-family project, and a special citation was presented Richard Crowther's "Solar Energy Conservation" residences.

Design for this mountain residence incorporated a number of innovative ideas. Located near the road to the Spillway necessitated an elongated design and a redwood bridge was constructed from the road bed to the front entry. Only a minimum of trees in the fairly dense stand were cut . . . in fact, on the backdeck, one tree was saved by cutting and framing a square "notch." Interior walls opposite outside walls echo the cedar siding outside. Glass was used extensively on the south to capture the sun's heat, there is a plastic bubble window in the master bedroom and the shed roof slopes away from deck areas to prevent rain or snow from falling down on them. The long truss in the loft area actually supports the roof, and instead of railing, plexiglas was installed to permit a continuous view without obstruction . . . yet adding essential safety.

The owner's desire to take advantage of the golf course view was the dominant design criteria in this residence sited close to houses on either side and on a street to the south. The architect through use of a dual atrium plan created a visual isolation from three sides but with exposure to a landscaped approach and glass walls opened interior spaces to the view of the golf course. Heavy timber construction was used throughout for strength and warmth of appearance and to enhance the natural feel. Cedar channel groove exterior siding applied vertically was stained to a compatible blend with the earthstone brick walls which enclosed and contained the courtyards emphasizing their privacy and security and to strongly define the limits of the house.



RESIDENCE FOR DR. & MRS. DONALD SCHRAND—DENVER
ARCHITECT: Ronald H. Holsman, Denver

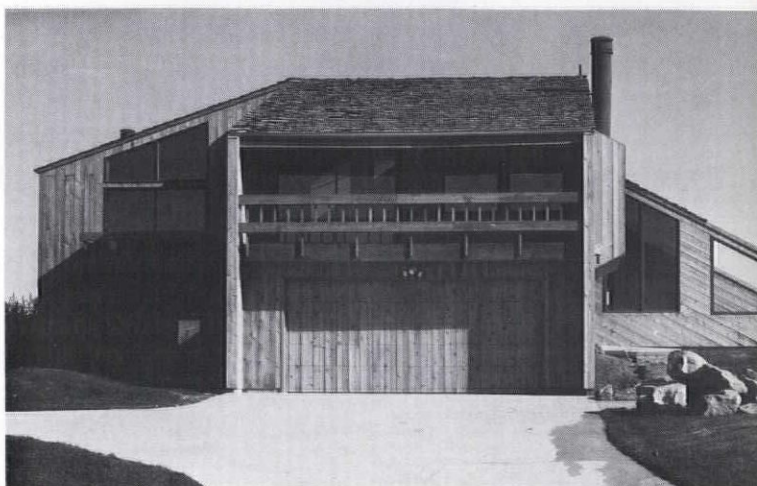


WILLOWBRIAR TOWNHOUSES—LONGMONT
ARCHITECTS: Downing, Leach and Associates, Boulder

This architectural firm received their third award in the Wood, Inc. program this year (Ronald Holsman is also a "repeater") for what the architect believes to be the first P.U.D. in Loveland. The exterior hand split shakes are used even on carports and mailbox stands and cedar and rough timbers were used extensively . . . stained to contrast with the textured hardboard lap siding. Patio areas were protected by cedar lumber used vertically . . . interiors, of course, vary according to the buyer's wishes. Located in the older part of Loveland, the builder preserved many trees and the designers used them to good advantage—especially in the playground area—for shade. "It has to be seen", commented the Jury, "to be fully appreciated."

RESIDENCE FOR JEFFREY ABRAMS—BOULDER
ARCHITECT: Jeffrey Abrams, Boulder

Although designed principally for the view to the east and south, orientation of this residence serves as protection from Boulder's capricious westerly winds. The roofed wing walls protect the deck from the living room where pop-out windows provide an unusual glass treatment. Cabinetry in the bar area is of ash plywood and the interesting wood design in the Master bedroom forms the head for the bed. Jurors were particularly impressed by the excellent workmanship in this project.



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ARCHITECTS: Crowther, Kruse, McWilliams, Denver
Richard Crowther, Designer



Architect Crowther and Collector

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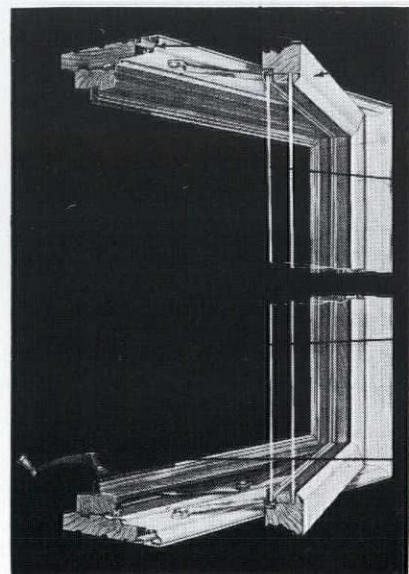
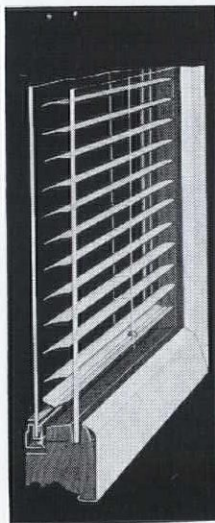
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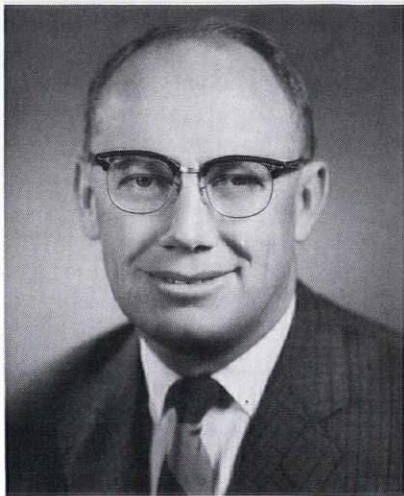
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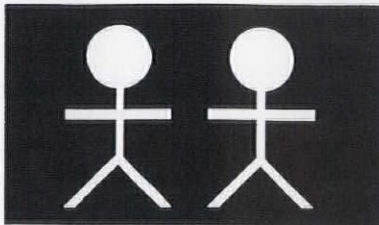
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UP WITH SCOTT!

It was with great pleasure that we received the good news that the Intermountain Chapter of Producers' Council had honored C. Walter Scott with their annual Award of Merit. Each year, this Chapter (HQ Salt Lake City) presents this Award to a member of the Construction Community for outstanding contributions to community, professional and Council-related activities. This year's luncheon was held on November 18 and featured as



UP UP With People!

guest speaker R. Thayne Robson, Director of the Bureau of Economics and Business Research at the University of Utah.

Walt Scott is a graduate of the University of Utah, president of the firm of Scott, Louie and Browning/Architects and Engineers in Salt Lake City. He is a member of the NSPE, CSI and the Public Advisory Panel for GSA. Our readers will remember him best as President of the CSI/Salt Lake City Chapter and as Region 10 Director from 1966-68. He is also a professional associate member of the Utah Chapter/AIA, and a member "emeritus" of Symposia's Editorial

Advisory Board. Walt and Jayne Scott are the parents of six daughters and one son — and delightful people. Congratulations, Walt, a well deserved honor!

UP WITH ARIZONA P.C.

It is always nice to hear about one segment of the Construction Industry taking the time and trouble to pat another member of the group on the back. This has happened in Phoenix recently when the Phoenix Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute presented the Arizona Chapter of Producers' Council their Outstanding Organization Award for meritorious service. CSI particularly cited the service to the industry provided by PC's 1973-'74 Box Luncheon Program. Larry Evans, Fearless Leader for the group writes in the October newsletter ... "To have another organization give us an award, I think, is a very noteworthy event." We agree! Keep up all that good work down in Sun Country!

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This past winter in southern Spain we were fascinated by the multitude of dogs frequenting the country side and the city plazas, and after an experience with two of them one evening, we concluded they would be a real asset to most New Yorkers. The Spaniards love puppies, but when they have grown older and require more food, they are turned loose to forage for themselves. Everywhere we traveled we found dogs basking and dozing in the winter sun, but at night when it was cold they were out foraging for food. The Spaniards hang their garbage over the door knobs of their entrance doors in plastic bags, and during the night the dogs rip off these bundles of food remnants and scatter the less edible over the courtyards and streets.

In Granada, we found dogs within the walls of the Alhambra, and invariably they were short haired with upright pointed ears, Terrier-sized and light colored, and very often because of their difficult life were deformed and emaciated. We became so interested in them we asked the Spaniards about the origin of these pointed-eared dogs, and were told they were Carthaginian hunting dogs which the Moors brought with them from North Africa. During the daylight hours when the sun was out, the dogs were always on the sunny side of every wall, enjoying a day-long siesta, completely oblivious of passing cars and people. No doubt in the summer during the hot daylight hours, they are on the shady side of the wall, and do their foraging in the cool of the evening.

One evening in Seville during the Pomenade Hour, we were walking from our hotel to the old Jewish Barrio where we were to have dinner in an upstairs restaurant, and as the sun disappeared and it became dark and cold, we

came upon a pair of good sized, pointed-ear dogs who had been enjoying a day-long snooze in the dust of a landscaped parkway. One of the dogs was shaking off the dust and stretching himself, and the other was still curled up in the warm dirt with his nose tucked between his hind legs. Upon seeing us approach the one dog nuzzled his sleeping friend, who then immediately arose to his feet, and they both carefully looked us over. As we passed by them on the sidewalk we experienced a strange feeling that they were sizing us up, much as their ancestors from Carthage would have done with a pair of deer. Since we were the only people for blocks on the boulevard, I reassured my wife that they were harmless and to ignore them. However, they were not to be ignored, because they followed us down the boulevard, one on each side of us, not on the sidewalk, but either in the street or in the planting strip. One was white in color and the other black, and to make light of the situation I labeled them Blanco y Negro and attempted a one-way conversation with our escorts. I know they heard me, but they stayed a safe distance from us as we approached our restaurant in the Barrio. When we came out a couple of hours later, here were Blanco y Negro patiently waiting for us to again escort us down the narrow winding streets of the Barrios to a Flamenco theater not far from the restaurant. When we came out of the theater several hours later, they were again waiting for us, and it became apparent to us that they were rendering us a service as body guards. We were very delighted they had patiently waited for us outside the theater because it was two a.m. in the morning and we had a long walk back to our hotel through dark and narrow streets. There were few, if any, people around, and it was most reassuring to have these good sized dogs on each side of us. They were quiet fellows, never barking or growling, just trotting along side much like the secret service with the Presidente', and if I talked to them they sort of shrugged it off as another pair of Norte' Americanos, wandering around late at night in dangerous streets. As we came out of the narrow streets onto boulevards we encountered a few homeward-bound automobiles roaring and squealing around corners. Our buddies, Blanco y Negro, apparently had a great dislike





for all automobiles because they immediately would take off after the cars, barking and seemingly trying to bite the front tires. They both would stay with the car for a block, one on each side, much like chasing down an antelope, and after a good pursuit would then quietly trot back to us to continue their escort. We came upon a parked taxi, whose driver immediately rolled up his window when he saw our friends, and he was prudent, because they noisily charged the cab, and attempted to get at him by jumping up at the cabbie's window. Previously I had shouted encouragement at Blanco y Negro when they took after the noisy and smelly cars; but when they charged the taxi I became concerned because they meant business. They obviously didn't like cars, especially taxis, and perhaps they had good reason because their drivers all had the instincts of a bull in the ring.

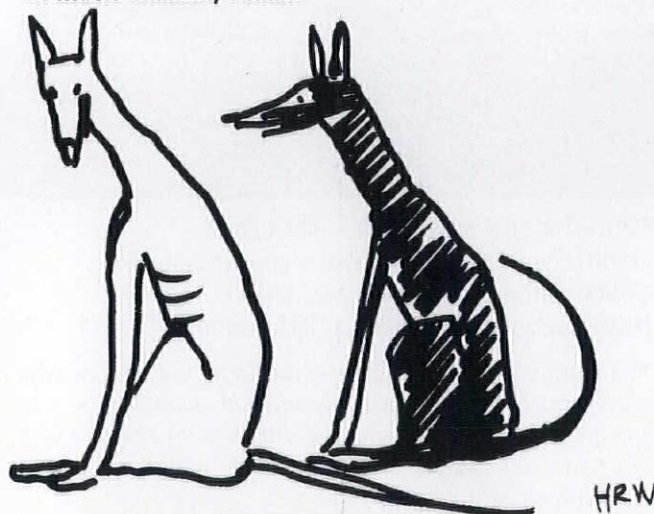
When both dogs hit the taxi I shouted at them, but being Spaniards they apparently didn't understand me, so I vigorously clapped my hands, which in the confines of the narrow building-lined street created quite a clatter of reverberation. They then stopped their commotion and trotted back to continue their protective shield. Never once did they growl or bark at us, but were apparently aware we were talking to them, because they occasionally would turn their heads to keep an eye on our progress.

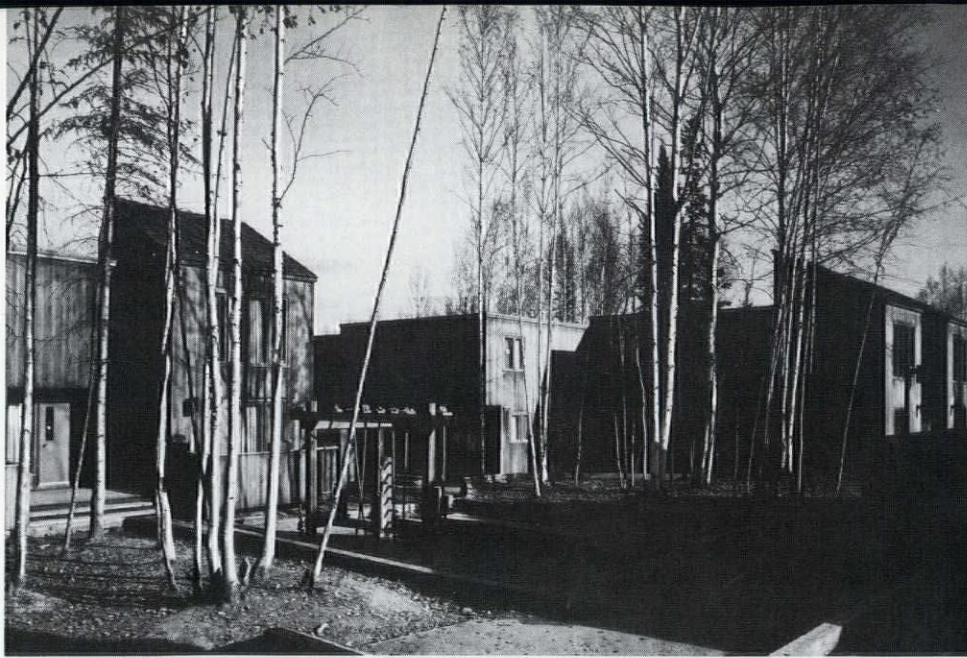
As we approached the shopping mall which led to our hotel we encountered a weaving and staggering drunk. Immediately Blanco y Negro charged the poor guy—and they weren't fooling around, because one was on his ankles and the other at his throat. Like the automobiles and the taxis, both of our friends were furious about the drunk. And perhaps justifiably so because all three contributed to the pollution of their hunting or foraging grounds. No doubt all three at various times had in some manner threatened them. Anyhow, I really created a clatter with my hands, and was ready to physically come to the drunk's rescue, but because of all the noise I created, they meekly pulled off and trotted back to my wife's side. By this time, we were convinced our protectors were very successfully keeping all the undesirable elements of Seville from molesting us, and began to wonder just how we'd reciprocate for their services. After all, I couldn't tip

them with pesetas, and we'd neglected to ask for a "bowser bag" at the restaurant.

Finally we reached the well-lighted Calle De Las Sierpes, a shopping mall which led to our hotel, where we encountered a group of gay Caballeros who upon seeing us and our bodyguards veered to a safe distance from us. At the edge of the mall, Blanco y Negro stopped, laid down side by side, to take a well-earned rest, and wait for any brave and sober soul who might be headed out into the darkness of their primeval territory. Their abrupt dropping of us was a surprise, and we stopped a distance away and attempted to entice them to go the rest of the way to the hotel; but they weren't interested, and only looked over their shoulders at us with an indifferent stare. If they could have spoken English, I'm certain they would have told us we now could make it safely on our own the rest of the distance to the hotel, and after all, you innocents abroad, don't be wandering around the Barrio at two a.m. in the morning again else you'll be run over by crazy drivers, be conned by cabbies, and be molested by drunks. Now that we're home I've often thought of going back to Seville to find our canine friends, and try to entice them to come back to the States with us. I know some streets in good old New York I'd love to wander through at two a.m. in the morning with my friends Blanco y Negro.

H. Robert Wilmsen, F.A.I.A.



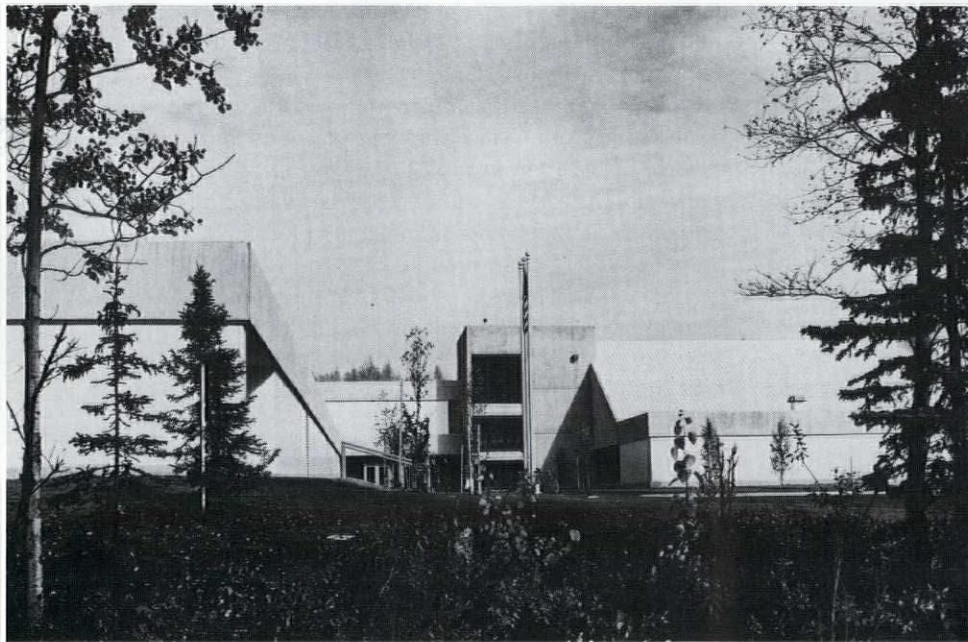


MARRIED STUDENTS HOUSING—FAIRBANKS

ARCHITECTS: CCWC/HOK, Anchorage and San Francisco

OWNER: The University of Alaska

The Married Students Housing project in Fairbanks for the University of Alaska designed by CCWC/HOK Architects of Anchorage and San Francisco was named as an award recipient for its sense of organization, preservation of natural environmental features, landscape quality and warm, humanistic setting.



BARTLETT BEGICH HIGH SCHOOL—ANCHORAGE

ARCHITECTS: CCWC/HOK, Anchorage and San Francisco

OWNER: Anchorage Borough School District

(Photography: Stephen Dunham/Kiku Obata)

The Bartlett-Begich High School for the Anchorage Borough School District by Architects CCWC/HOK also was named as a recipient. The Jury was impressed with the floor plan, sense of organization, scale and overall appearance of the structure.

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THE FIRST HONOR AWARD ALASKA CHAPTER

by Michael
Juneau, AIA

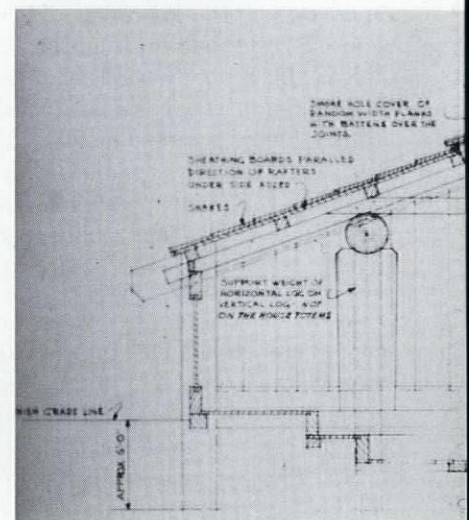
The Alaska Chapter of the AIA is desiring to encourage excellence and afford recognition of excellent Alaskan buildings, through the Alaska Chapter Honor Awards Program. For over the last few years awards have been given to buildings which were recipients of honor awards in Seattle on October 19.

The Jury consisted of Paul J. Smith, Seattle; David A. McKinley, Anchorage; McKinley and Associates, Anchorage; Zaik/Miller/Butler, Anchorage.

The Alaska Chapter Honor Awards are given on an annual basis with certificates of appreciation for deserving buildings, the first of November of each year.

SYMPOSIA/ABOUT THE COVER

Chief Shake's totem which adorns the front of the Wrangell, Alaska, seemed a natural choice for a "good luck" charm for the year ahead. A foot! Shown below—a cross section of the totem.



CHIEF SHAKE'S COMMUNITY HOUSE—ANCHORAGE

ARCHITECT: Linn Forrest Sr./UAF

A special historical award was given to Chief Shake's Community House, which was accomplished in 1938 by the Alaska Chapter Jury. The Jury was impressed by the exact likeness to the original building.

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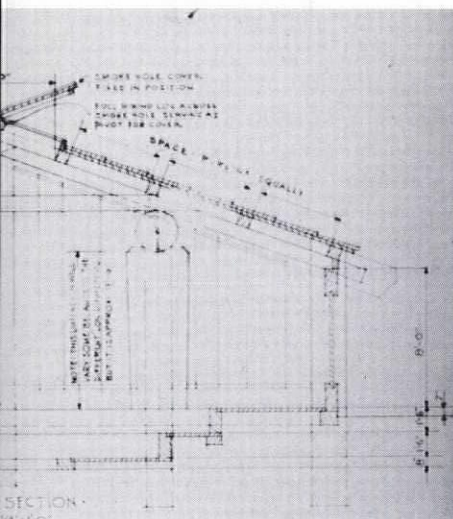
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GLACIER BAY LODGE—GUSTAVUS

ARCHITECTS: John Morse and Associates, Seattle

OWNER: The National Park Service

(Photography: John Morse)

The Glacier Bay Lodge facilities near Juneau designed for the U. S. National Park Service by architect John Morse and Associates of Seattle received an award for its regional character, harmonious relationship to its site and its general excellence.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE

ARCHITECTS: CCWC/HOK, Anchorage and San Francisco

OWNER: The State of Alaska

(Photography: Stephen Dunham/Kiku Obata)

The South Central Regional Correctional Institute near Anchorage designed for the State of Alaska, also designed by CCWC/HOK Architects received an honor award for its residential like character and its indigenous use of materials and site development. The Jury was impressed with the concept and was surprised that facilities of this type and quality were being constructed in Alaska.

The Case of the C.S.I. Silent Majority or

On Voting Rights: Now the Industry = the Professional Member

by: Robert J. Schmidt, FCSI
Albuquerque Chapter/C.S.I.

The Constitution of the United States was amended on February 3, 1870 with Amendment 15 which stated, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." It was more than fifty years later that Amendment 19 was ratified on August 18, 1920 which stated, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

So it took nearly fifty years for women to have the explicit right to vote to which they should have been entitled much earlier. There is some similarity in the case of the Industry Member in The Construction Specifications Institute. They also should have been entitled to vote.

The first CSI convention I attended was in Miami Beach, May 29-31, 1967. At that time I had only been a member of CSI for about fifteen months so the lively discussions and disagreements on membership classification which took place during two of the workshops made quite an impression on me. The points of disagreement were many — specified ratio of chapter membership by classification, mandatory chapter affiliation, type of Industry member participation, another Producers' Council, eligibility to hold office. This initial exposure to this subject made me aware early on that there was definitely a case of inequity placed upon the Industry Member of CSI. It seemed to me they were of equal importance and one of the democratic methods of identifying equality is equal voting rights. It was then I became acutely aware of the apparent inequity and pledged myself to try, in some way, to help its correction.

In Denver during the 12th Annual Convention in May 1968 the subject of membership classification was again discussed. Even with the report from the Task Committee on Membership Classification Study no final disposition was made of this matter.

At this point, for the benefit of the newer members from the past few years, let's view the extent of this inequity. Research in my personal files can only go back to the Institute Bylaws in effect in January 1966 but it is safe to assume that the same situation was in effect prior to that time. Article VI, Section 3 of those Bylaws (Nomination of Officers) stated in part, "All nominees for President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary shall be Professional Members of the Institute. Nominees for Treasurer may be either Professional or Industry Members." In the next section,

Section 4 (Board Approval of Ballot), it stated, "... the Board shall instruct the Secretary to issue a letter ballot to the Professional Members of the Institute, listing the names of all nominees for Officers, Region Directors and Section Directors, and a letter ballot to the Industry Members, listing the names of all nominees for Section Directors."

Then in Article X, Section 3, Industry Members, it stated in part, "... except that their eligibility to vote in the Institute shall be limited to the election of Section Directors and their eligibility to hold office in the Institute shall be limited to the office of Section Director and that of Treasurer..." Then in Section 9 of the same article only the Professional Member was given the "right and privilege" to use the initials CSI as a suffix to his name.

So it is clear the rights and privileges of the Industry Member during that period, in addition to paying his dues, was only to possibly be the Institute Treasurer, a Section Director and the *only* voting privilege he had was to vote for a Section Director.

In early 1969, I was elected Director of Region 10. During the convention at Houston, June 2-4, 1969, I can remember all too well an informal discussion with some six or eight Board members when I thought I might not even be able to assume the position of region director because I had expressed the opinion that Industry Members should have the same voting privileges as the Professional Members. It was during the business meeting at that Houston convention, June 4, 1969, that two historic resolutions were passed by the delegates: 69-01, to allow Industry Members to vote for all officers and directors, all changes to the Institute Bylaws and all membership referenda; 69-02, to hold the office of secretary and one of the vice presidents. The vote on the first one had to be a roll call vote with a result of 456 to 318.

Keeping in mind that resolutions passed at the business meeting are only expressions of opinion for consideration by the Board, by the time these two were acted on by the Board and voted on by the Professional Members, the resulting revised Institute Bylaws of December 1969 stated in Article VI that the Industry Member *may* be a nominee for Institute Vice President or Secretary. In Article X it further stipulated that he was eligible to vote for all officers and directors. A great breakthrough had been made but not yet all of the opinion expressed by the delegates at Houston had been realized.

Recall now the realignment of region boundaries made in 1970 to be effective on July 1, 1971. This action was to bring the two chapters in Arizona into Region 10. They both traditionally had been holding a "CSI Arizona Mixer." In order to effect an early implementation, I had received permission to attend their mixer on May 15, 1971. It was during that mixer that I was able to further that pledge mentioned earlier. Among the items discussed by the Arizona members were the resolutions for the upcoming Annual Convention at Anaheim on June 7-9, 1971. After discussing the resolution on the initials ICSI as proposed by the Metropolitan New York Chapter, I proposed to Robert W. Myers, then president of Phoenix Chapter the manner in which this resolution could be amended from the floor at the convention to be the same as for the Professional Member, namely, CSI. Bill did present this as an amendment which was enthusiastically accepted. In November 1971, the amendment to Article X of the Bylaws to permit both members the use of the initial CSI was passed. Another step in righting the inequity was made.

Another change to the Institute Bylaws was made in November 1972 to change the wording in Article VI, Section 4 from "Nominees for not more than one of the Vice presidents may be industry members." to read "One of the nominees for vice president shall be an industry member ..."

A small but rather significant part of this evolving pattern was included in one of the resolutions which I presented to the Board on September 22, 1973. It pertained to the application form for membership to permit one professional and one industry member to certify an applicant's qualifications as well as the existing two professional member requirement. In February 1974, the various sections of Article X of the Institute Bylaws were amended to permit this change.

This narration on some of the past history of the status of the Industry Member has now brought us up to the present time. As the result of a compromise reached during the September 21, 1974 Board meeting, a Bylaws amendment ballot was submitted to Professional Members on November 4 to provide the same voting rights for the Industry Members as for the Professional Members. Leadership of the Institute and membership classifications were not a part of the ballot. Even though this amendment was on the single matter of allowing Industry Members the privilege to vote on Bylaws amendments, it was rather surprising to observe the furor generated by those stand-patters who wished to deny their colleagues the same right and privilege which they themselves possessed.

It was again a case of the vocal minority making all the noise—possibly from fear that maybe the time had arrived when they would have to come down from the little ivory towers they had built for themselves. Some of them even banned together in quasi organizations, such as, "The Concerned Industry Members for the Preservation of CSI"

and "The Cooperating Concerned CSI Professionals." One even distributed a letter which he signed with the initials PTBAIM (Proud to be an Industry Member) after his name, others held many meetings to further their opposition. There were many letters from them to all chapter presidents and many articles in chapter newsletters. They were not only confused as to the issue at hand but were doing their best to confuse as many others as possible. Some of this confusion was evident in their attempt to make single membership classification and dues increase a part of the exercise. In composing the ballot, a special effort was made to avoid such confusions by including a total of seven "No change" on the right-hand column to emphasize the only item being voted on was the right to be eligible to vote.

We now come to the end of the story of the enfranchisement of the Industry Members of The Construction Specifications Institute. In spite of all the ruckus raised by the opposition, the Tellers Committee on December 3, 1974 met to tally the results of this historic ballot. The outcome was quite decisive leaving no doubt as to the desires of the Professional Members. First of all, the return of ballots was the highest return of the last ten Bylaws amendments ballots — a substantial 53.4% return. The average return for the previous nine was 39.9% with a low of 32.8% and a previous high of 52.1%.

As a point of interest, the invalid envelopes and ballots were 1.7% of the ballots returned to almost match the 1.5% of the August amendment ballot. Prior to that ballot, the invalids were averaging 3.5% with a low of 2.1% and a high of 5.4%. The use of the ballot envelope with printed instructions was first on that August 1974 ballot.

On the present ballot pertaining to equal voting rights, there were 4,600 ballots mailed of which 2,457 (53.4%) were returned. From these there were 2,416 valid ballots of which 1,766 (73.1%) were cast FOR and 650 (26.9%) were cast AGAINST. The requirement is for a two-thirds affirmative vote which was exceeded by nearly ten percent.

It is interesting to note that the Bylaws require for their amendment not less than a 30% return with two-thirds affirmative vote which in this case would have been 1,381 returned with 921 affirmative votes. The affirmative vote was nearly *double* the minimum requirement for amendment.

The results of this ballot attest to the concern of the Professional Members to be heard on its outcome—the largest return on a Bylaws amendment since February 1969 and nearly double the number of affirmative votes required to effect the amendment.

Truly the silent majority of the CSI Professional Members has been heard by way of the written ballot and to finally bestow equal voting rights on their fellow Industry Members.



The Annual Meeting/1974

Colorado Society of Architects

(We would express our appreciation to those very nice people who did yeoman service in Colorado Springs on November 15 last when "allkindsa" problems prevented the attendance of the Symposia Team. We are most grateful to Advisory Board Member, John Rogers, AIA; to the vivacious Sharon Cooper, Executive Director for the Society and to our old and dear friend Rosalie Merzbach of the Daily Journal—bless them, one and all.)

This was the first full-scale "gathering of the clans" since last year's reorganization, and clearly indicated the strides made by the "new" Society since its inception. It all began at nine o'clock with a lightly-attended Business Meeting (pretty early in the morning for Central Chapter members) in which President Robert Van Deusen summarized 1974 activities and Incoming-President Rogers delivered a most important message. Since in the main, John discussed problems common to all members of the profession (and the construction community) in these "partly sunny days"—it is germane, we believe, to print it in its entirety.

SURVIVE IN '75

The Colorado Architectural community through the Colorado State Society, AIA, has begun a meaningful dialogue with State Government in 1974. For the first time an Architect, Steve Gunn of Longmont, served in the House of Representatives in 1973/1974. In this capacity, he has been a professional resource to other Legislators and has created an awareness of the profession.

In 1974 an AIA Task Force was requested by the Joint Budget Committee of the Legislature to help solve many capital construction problems and processes with which the State has been encumbered.

Also, in 1974 an AIA Task Force was established to work with the Executive Branch of Government and the newly created Office of State Planning and Budgeting was formed to assist them in developing an A/E selection process for the State. The Joint Budget Task Force is chaired by

Jim Johnson and the Planning and Budgeting Task Force is chaired by Bob Van Deusen.

In 1975 we will miss Steve Gunn's presence in the Legislature since he chose not to run again. We will continue the Task Forces to the State to reach conclusions, aimed at prompt and economical delivery of better capital construction projects.

The state of our economy is, unfortunately, reflected in the current slow down in architectural offices in Colorado and poses a real threat to the continued maintenance of a strong architectural community. Colorado needs a viable, practicing, and effective group of architects in the State to provide the kind of design leadership which continues to be sorely needed.

In the immediate future we can expect an increased emphasis on the visual environment, and upon providing needed space for people and activities. Although the combination of current high interest rates and the lack of the availability of capital has severely curtailed current construction programs, this is exactly the time when long-range planning and research in many areas should be undertaken.

I believe that the maintenance of a strong, capable architectural community should be a prime goal of the Colorado State Society in 1975. You may remember that in the early 60's when building slowed down, a significant segment of design professionals left our State—never to return. By the time that recession had abated, and there was much work to be done, there were too few architects left to do it.

I would like to suggest that a series of Architects round tables and clinics be organized to provide a way to share information and expertise—and to define promising new areas for professional services. For example, just announced was a \$5 million dollar project for Honeywell in Colorado Springs awarded to Simpson, Stratta & Associates, A&E firm in San Francisco. Building permits were issued around the State for industrial construction without the services of an Architect. Parks, playgrounds and accessory structures are built without the benefit of architectural design. Remodeling and renovation of all sorts are conceived and executed without the services of a competent architect. Long range planning and programming continues to be developed by major clients in a vacuum where the architects should and could provide real leadership and effective results.

In this current recessionary period, it behooves all of us to seek a broadened base of service where design-oriented architects and planners can continue to contribute to the improvement of the environment.

The time for planning is now in anticipation of the release of funds of all sorts for federal, state, and local projects. The demand for housing continues to rise and it is a fair speculation that when unemployment in our nation hits a "magic" number, action will be taken to create jobs. Usually this kind of action results in construction—and rapidly. When this occurs, speed is of the essence and the old plans are reused.

Now is the time when energy-conserving design and planning should be underway so that really good projects are constructed. Expediency is many times used as an

excuse to reduce or skip the kind of planning and design which the architects are able and willing to contribute to the community—given half a chance.

The Colorado State Society can be very helpful to its members in organizing and disseminating information which will lead to broadened design/management services. We might call this, "AN EFFORT TO SURVIVE IN '75."

John added to his formal remarks, by commenting that although Steve Gunn has opted for architecture instead of legislation, he has expressed his willingness to work with AIA during the 1975 session. He also asked for a special legislative fund to be set up with donations from firms as they are able to contribute. John also stressed the need for increased representation of the AIA among licensed, resident architects in the State.

The major element of the 1974 Society meeting was provided by John E. Harrigan, Ph.D., Behavioral Scientist in the School of Architecture and Environment Design at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. His professional workshop—"User Oriented Architectural Service" drew a goodly crowd of about a hundred Colorado architects. Principal thrust of his illustrated presentation can be summed up in his three part challenge . . . "How can the architectural office develop behavioral office capabilities—use this ability to strengthen specific components of the program and thirdly—demonstrate to the client the value of this service?"

Writes John Rogers . . . "Dr. Harrigan generally talked about the user-oriented attitude in architectural design and planning, which had a lot to do with programming as well. In fact, one of my notes equated our understanding of programming with his definition of user-oriented design. By both transparencies and descriptive material and slides, he pointed out very clearly to the architects that the user of physical facilities must be increasingly considered as a part of the decision-making process."

Rosalie quoted Dr. Harrigan as saying . . . "Physical settings and the planned environment are the real points of communication." Carefully planned, these settings are the most meaningful vehicle for supporting existing life styles or even creating new ones.

Those members of the profession unable to attend Dr. Harrigan's workshop can obtain a copy of his Monograph (written with Wesley S. Ward, AIA, also of Cal Poly) upon which his presentation was based by writing the University at San Luis Obispo. Price is most reasonable—\$1.30 or Colorado architects may obtain the first 12 pages gratis by contacting Sharon at the Society office.

In the afternoon, a panel of three Colorado "old fellas" responded to the good Doctor's morning workshop. They were Victor Hornbein, FAIA, of Denver; F. Lamar Kelsey, FAIA, of Colorado Springs and Hobart Wagener, FAIA, of Boulder. It was, we must assume, a lively session with the usual sprinkling of "broad statements" and "glittering generalities". John comments . . . "The Panel carried on at considerable length about design philosophy with Lamar Kelsey supporting the team and with Vic Hornbein supporting the individual. There was some discussion from the floor in favor of both viewpoints. My own modest suggestion, from the floor, was that the architect's services and contributions should also be considered on a wider community basis and that user-orientation should be just as valid here as in the individual situations which Dr. Harrigan had used as examples. The Doctor interpreted my remarks as meaning community-wide master planning with which he did not agree. Others interpreted this statement more correctly and this broader issue comprised a short piece of the afternoon session."

John continues his report by summarizing briefly the Central Chapter meeting which was "gavelled" by President Neal Carpenter of Greeley. Neal felt the CCC had a successful

1974 in terms of budget and program, and reported that they have an ongoing liaison program in energy which is headed by Dick Crowther (See "Wood Awards"/this issue).

The South Chapter hosted a super-successful Cocktail Party preceding the Banquet. As John says . . . "there was a crowded room and good reports of the day's session."

Concluding his Symposia report, John writes . . . "The evening dinner was attended by one hundred fifty-five people who received Whitney Gordon's address with enthusiasm. (Dr. Gordon, Ph.D., is Chairman of the Department of Sociology, Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.) His address was titled, "Ten Years of Looking at Architects and Nary a Woman in the Lot"—and included, of course, a "Profile of an Architect" which he described very well, with wit and with consolation to spouses. He came up with several conclusions—a couple of which are particularly meaningful to me. (1) An Architect tends to emulate his clients after some considerable period of practice, i.e., successful firms take on the confidence of their clients and less successful firms tend to turn inward and become more introspective. The second item which made considerable sense is when he pointed out that some professional groups have a common meeting ground; the bankers — their club; the lawyers — their lunches; the doctors — the hospital corridor, and so forth. Architects, however, meet only rarely at professional meetings and really should have an informal, neutral, meeting place to get to know one another better, to help one another and to improve and advance the entire profession.

"In conclusion, Van and Sharon put on a well organized, well received and successful Annual Meeting—the most successful I have attended."

Last year, when the Society were plotting their course for 1974—a major objective was a State Meeting which would have meaning and importance for the professional. This goal was reached in Colorado Springs! Kudos to one and all!



TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER



**Boyd A. Blackner, President
Utah Chapter
American Institute of Architects**

Almost everyone in Symposia-land will recognize this very nice guy, since he has recently appeared on these pages as the General Chairman of "September at Snowbird"—the 1974 Conference of the Western Mountain Region (and a great job, too!). Boyd has been involved in AIA since 1955 when he was President of the Student Chapter at the University of Utah ... he obtained his degree in 1956 from the Department of Architecture winner of Alpha Rho Chi Medal. In addition to his long tenure on the Board of Directors of the Utah Chapter, he served as Editor of *Utah Architect* in 1969-70. And he has been a member of our Symposia family for lo these many ... and we're very proud of that!

During his early post-graduate years, Boyd worked for some of the Jolly Green Giants, including Victor A. Lundy, New York and Florida; C.R.S. in Houston; H.O.K. in St. Louis and prestigious firms in his own home town. He opened his own practice in 1963, and has garnered a substantial number of laurels for his design work, particularly for educational facilities and some beautiful fountains and plazas, as well as residences and other buildings.

Boyd's lovely wife, Ann, is also a graduate of the University of Utah ... Phi Beta Kappa, no less, and they are the parents of four delightful young people—Catherine, David, Elizabeth, and Gennevieve, aged eight to eighteen.

Boyd is a fine representative of the bright young architects throughout the West who are increasingly accepting AIA responsibilities. He should give Utah top fearless leadership!



**George H. McFerron, President
Tucson Chapter
Construction Specifications Institute**

Down in sunny Tucson these days, members of CSI are letting George do it as their "fearless leader" for FY 1974-75. At the beginning of his term of office, George set some specific goals for the Chapter. ... "Involve all the members, currently 45 strong, in the programs of CSI". He comes to this task well equipped with know-how since he has served Tucson as Editor of *Tucson Topics*, Treasurer and last year's President-Elect.

George, who is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Miami University/Ohio with his Bachelor of Architecture in 1956, and migrated to the warmer and friendlier climes of Tucson some three years later. In 1963, he joined the firm of Friedman and Jobusch, where he is a project architect with this fine A/E firm today. He and his wife are the parents of two children ... aged 12 and 14, and they all take advantage of the salubrious Arizona climate to enjoy their horses, gardening and swimming.

George is also a member of the Southern Arizona Chapter/AIA, and a Director for the Society of American Military Engineers. He is aided and abetted in his job as "fearless" for CSI by fellow officers—Carl Lamar John, President-Elect; James Clarkson, Secretary; Guy Bailey, Treasurer and serving as Advisor—last year's president, Phil Dinsmore.

Welcome to the ranks of the leaders, George, our best for a great year!



Alan L. (Larry) Brown
Northwest Section Director
Construction Specifications Institute

Perhaps it had something to do with those big "good guy" white hats which members of the Portland Chapter wore this past June at the National CSI Convention in the City of the Roses, but it did seem to us that "Larry" Brown was a "bery" tall person. It was then we initiated our campaign for the info which follows . . . but credit for victory in this skirmish must go to the persuasive Mr. Paul Edlund of Eugene.

Larry has been a member of the Portland CSI Chapter for a decade, and has served long and well in many capacities . . . he has been on the Technical and Nominating Committees; Chairman of Public Relations, Program Moderator and Secretary as well as a delegate to both National and Regional CSI Conventions. He received the Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation in 1970 and was a member of the Institute's Technical Documents Committee 1969-70. He is a Past Director of Producers' Council.

He received an Associate of Arts degree in Building Sciences from Glendale College and a B.S. in Marketing and Behavioral Sciences from U.C.L.A. He spent a pair of years with the U.S. Army and was a Roofing Contractor before joining the Owens-Corning Fiber-glas Corporation as an Architectural-Service Specialist some 12 years ago. He and his wife, Lona, have a son, Lance, and "Larry" is a Trustee of the First Baptist Church of Beaverton.

Replacing Harlan Dean (Barclay-Dean) of Seattle, Larry will serve a three year term on the Institute's Board of Directors.

It's very pleasant having Larry on our pages . . . glad you rode in. And keep right on "punchin' " up there on the big CSI range in the Northwest.



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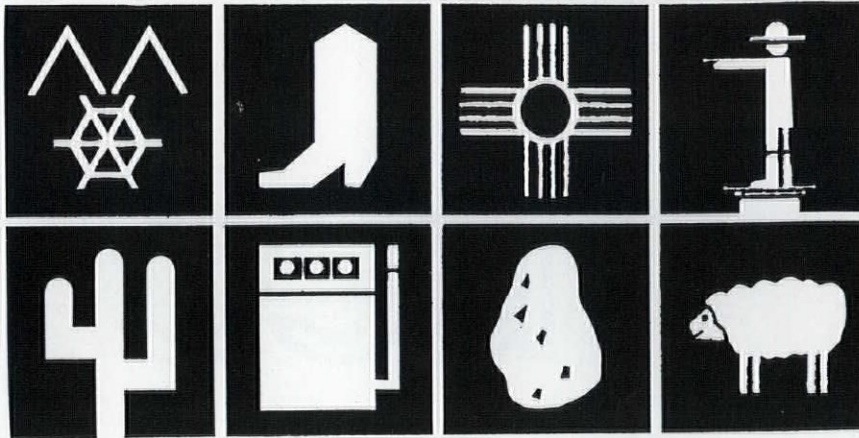
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Seminar Series Scheduled

The Structural Engineers Association of Arizona is presenting "The Wonderful World of Steel" to all interested persons beginning January 9 at Arizona State University in Tempe. This is a six-week program slated for each successive Thursday at 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Guest speakers will include both local and national Experts in their field, and subjects covered will include Design; Value Engineering; AISC Specifications; Field Erections and Quality Control as well as the Aesthetics of Steel Structures. The minimum registration fee for all six seminars is \$35.00. Registration information etc. is available by calling Jeff Danielski at (602)264-4781.

Remodeling Project Wins Award

Start from scratch? At today's construction costs this is rather like Herr Hamlet's "to be or not to be" question. Certainly no single answer fits every situation, but at least one Phoenix business now ensconced in remodeled quarters thinks it can be both economically feasible and aesthetically satisfying.

Recently awarded one of the 1974 City of Phoenix Environmental Quality Awards is Candid Wedding Photographers now enjoying their new and expanded facilities thanks to J. Barry Moffitt, AIA, Architect in the Valley of the Sun.

For several years the firm had occupied undistinguished quarters . . . earlier building projects had added a color processing lab to what had originally been a residence and interiors had been remodeled to accommodate office, administrative and display uses. In 1974, Candid Wedding Photographers opted to add new customer conference rooms, expand administrative, display and reception space and to create a better image with a modernized building exterior. This goal included the visual relationship of three different buildings on the same property.

Enter Architect Moffitt who not only designed the new additions, satisfactorily added and rearranged interior spaces to meet expanding demands . . . but the new exterior and landscaping brought the firm (and Moffitt) the Environmental Award. Andrew Tell Construction was the general contractor and consultants

included Arizona Landscapers and the Keller Engineering Company.

Laurels are in order.

S.U.N./Short Course

Quite appropriately, the Colleges of Architecture and Engineering at Arizona State University in the Valley of the Sun are offering a Short Course titled Solar Utilization Now. Slated for January 13-17, the course will feature eight resident professors and six guest lecturers from engineering, education and industry backgrounds. The class is intended for architects, engineers, and other design professionals plus educators, decision makers . . . in fact, just anyone interested in the development of solar energy. More info and registration materials are available by calling Jeff Cook at A.S.U. - 965-3216.

Valley Forward Awards

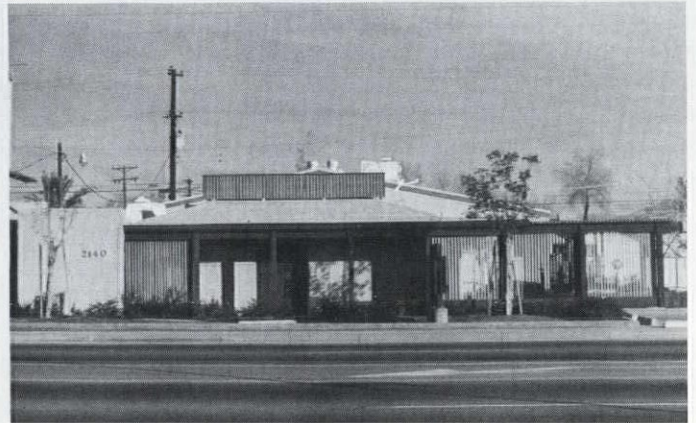
In November, the Valley Forward Association honored the Central Arizona Chapter (some kinda goin' group) — a recognition of their leadership in bringing the R/UDAT Team to Phoenix earlier in 1974. In addition several CAC members and firms were recipients of Valley Forward Awards . . . for instance: Craig Walling for the Bill Campbell Office Building; James Lakin for the Clark Office Building; Caviness and Downs for the Scottsdale Car Wash and Varney, Sexton and Sydnor for the Glendale Community College. Congratulations — one and all — an outstanding achievement.

colorado

New Job for Holliday

Elected to the new position of Executive Vice President of Woodward-Thorfinnson and Associates, Inc., consulting engineers and geologists of Denver is Frank J. Holliday formerly chief of the Soils and Earth Dams

What a face lift! At left: Color Candids before and, at right, the way it looks today!



Division. Mr. Holliday received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Wyoming and a master's at Michigan State. He joined Woodward-Thorfinnson in 1963. He is a member of the Consulting Engineers Council of Colorado, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the United States Committee of the International Commission on Large Dams.

Principal Thorfinnson said Holliday's election resulted in the promotion of two other W-F engineers to advanced positions within the firm and a reorganization of the Soils and Earth Dams Division into two separate departments. Theodore D. Johnson was appointed Chief of the Earth Dams Division and new chief of the Soils Division is Phil C. Gerhart.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We have recently received from your office a news release concerning appointments to the 27-member Mayor's Advisory Council for Community Development and procedures for Denver citizens to express their views on planning and budgeting for new federal grants. According to this information, preparation of this Denver Community Development plan, with emphasis on Denver's first year block grant of \$15.8 million, must be completed by the end of this month.

Your Honor, Sir, we looked very hard through all of the names of the appointees and could not find design professional one among the group. There was the General Manager of a Radio Station, a school teacher, a Priest — even a student, but no architects — nary a planner. Bob Van Deusen, immediate past president of the Colorado Society of the American Institute of Architects recently commented on the Architect's unique abilities, through training and experience, to organize and contribute to the processes of problem solving. For almost a decade and in twelve Western states, we, at Symposia, have observed design professionals doing just that. And they do a helluva good job!

We are certain the 27 appointed members of this Advisory Council are all earnest and well meaning citizens of Denver. We do not wish to cast any aspersions on them, the Honorable Councilmen or yourself, and in any case, it's a little late to do anything about it at this juncture.

However, may we humbly suggest that the next time around, one (1)

professional might be asked to serve. We believe you would find his/her abilities welcome. The architect is used to doing this kind of thing.

And, Your Honor, sir, have a Happy New Year.

Idaho

More on the Legislative Scene

Our initial report in this section last month wasn't as complete as it should be. Now, thanks to "Larry" Hoffmann of the Consulting Engineers/Idaho we have the whole story. He writes . . .

"I think the most important item at present is that committee is being formed of members of the Idaho branches of AIA, ISPE, ASCE and IEEE to represent all the members in legislative matters instead of each of the fore mentioned organizations spending time and separate efforts on legislature, the committee would represent all organizations before the legislature, even to the point of employing a man to attend all sessions representing all organizations.

"In this manner each society would be kept informed of what is happening in the legislature daily. Also the committee through its representative would com-

municate with the legislators, public figures and public in general of the existence of such an organization and its efforts to cooperate with all phases of the community and community development.

"The organization plans are in progress now and indications are that all the participants are in favor of the organization.

"I will keep you posted and let you know if any legislation sponsored by the group is coming up in the next legislature in January."

We extend all best to this group as they fare forth to the legislative wars!

Incidentally, the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers will hold their 65th Annual on January 30, 31 and February 1 at the Rodeway Inn in Boise. The Theme is a dandy! "Land Management — An Engineering Challenge." ISPE promises an action-packed program, and a relaxing schedule of social events, including a special women's program. Sounds like a "better not miss it" event!

nevada

Joint Installation

It was great hearing from "almost newly-wed" Ralph Bond of Las Vegas. Ralph sent along some info on the brand, spankin' new Women's Architectural League which was formed on October 19 at the home of Mrs. Verna Tate. This, of course, meant the election of officers and they are Diane Simpson, President; Jeanine Welles, Vice President, Marlene Munoz, Recording/Corresponding Secretary and Elaine Kennedy, Treasurer. These fair damsels were installed along with Las Vegas Chapter/AIA officers at a very gala Dinner/Dance in December. Ralph didn't bother to tell us who those guys were.

Ralph voiced some suspicion that this joint effort was just a ruse by the Ladies to save some \$\$\$ by not having an Installation Dinner of their own — but added . . . "In all honesty, we're all looking forward to this. The wives, mine included, are quite enthusiastic and show a lot of promise for providing camaraderie and fellowship among the architects plus a fine service organization to our community." Even granting that Architect Bond may still be a bit starry-eyed (or shell shocked) from his recent nuptials — we will have to agree, there is nothing like a good strong W.A.L. to give an AIA Chapter real class. The



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Ladies incidentally will hold their first official meeting at noon on January 14 at the home of Janice Lowder.

Editorial Board Member Bob Simpson of Reno jingled into the smilin' Symposia mailbox just at deadline time with a Merry Christmas to all and . . .

NEVADA NEWS

So much for 1974. It was a vintage year for Nevada Architects so far as the A.I.A. Chapters were concerned (maybe it was because there was so much time to devote to non-profit pursuits). The year saw the development of rapport between the Northern Nevada and the Las Vegas Chapters and a renewal of interest in the growth of both. The Nevada Association of Architects became a much more viable force in the state. The groundwork was accomplished for a quality presentation of new bill drafts to the 1975 Nevada Legislative Session. The NAA has worked with the NSPE and the AGC in putting the drafts together in an effort to create an Architect's Law that will enhance the working relationships between Architects and all other members of the building industry.

Meanwhile, back on the Northern Nevada Ranch, the A.I.A. Chapter has been tooling up for a whiz-bang 1975. The wives are organizing (we hope Nevada is ready for that), the associates are organizing, the committees are organizing, everyone is busy putting it together. The goal is to do something in 1975. When the community recovers from that shock the image of the Nevada Architect will at least be public.

Community programs include reactivation of the Explorer Post which petered out about two years ago. That project is underway as is participation with the NAA in attempting to help establish a school of Architecture on the Las Vegas Campus of the University of Nevada. The emphasis for 1975 has been determined as "Image Building PR."

All seriousness aside, the NAA addendum (Nevada Association of Architects Newsletter) has received considerable notoriety and it promises to succeed unless its editor gets some work in the office. If that happens "Castles may crumble."

The AGC has put together its 1975 legislative program and the NSPE has done its homework. Both organizations will be active participants in various Bicentennial projects. The NSPE is already involved in surveying sites for the

Historical Preservation efforts of the Nevada State Park System.

The Nevada Construction Industry at least has high hopes for 1975. And its members are about the business of implementing that optimism with forward looking activity.

new mexico

Trivia: High Steaks

(We borrowed this little gem from the November issue of New Mexico Building — and thought they wouldn't mind if we shared this chuckle with our friends and neighbors.)

On September 27, Mr. Robert David Tachau, representing New Mexico State University, soundly defeated twelve other schools from Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas in a steak eating contest at the Four State ASCE meeting in Amarillo, Texas by consuming nearly eight pounds of steak in one hour.

With exceptional engineering judgment Mr. Tachau laid his plans to utilize effectively the full one hour time period. He did not succumb to the rash approach of his competitors in using the well-known "gobble start." Rather, he began, eating at a steady pace, caught his opponents at the thirty minute mark, accelerated at the finish, and won going away. Evidence of his coolness under gastronomic pressure was demonstrated early in the match when Mr. Tachau returned an undercooked steak to the grill; this action crushed the morale of his immediate competitors and will go down as classic ploy in steak eating contest literature. When Robert sat victorious over his prostrate, bloated opponents the following was heard:

*Rah Rah Rah
Robert really ate
Rah Rah Rah
New Mexico State*

A construction worker during the past summer, Robert is a Civil Engineering student at New Mexico State University.

oregon

New V.P. for HG&E

Charles Sax, AIA, has joined the Portland architectural and engineering firm of Harlan, Gessford & Erichsen as vice president in charge of design.

Sax most recently was a partner of Koch & Sax, Architects, and from 1967 to 1973 was an associate of Robert Koch & Associates. Other architectural firms with which he has been associated include Blair & Zaik, Portland; Bassetti & Morse, Seattle, and John Carl Warnecke, San Francisco.

He joins HG&E at a time of expansion, the firm having recently completed restoration of the "19 Northwest Fifth" building in Old Town and taken occupancy on the third floor.

Lighting Fundamentals Course

Sponsored by the Oregon Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society — a course on Lighting Fundamentals will be presented each Wednesday from 8 January to 26 March. The sessions will run from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Portland General Electric Service Center. Jody notes in "Architect and Architecture" that Portland architects have probably received a separate mailing from IES, but if not — registration forms are available at the Chapter Office in the Dekum Building or you may contact Peter Keller at Tektronix, Inc., P.O. Box 500 in Beaverton 97077 . . . via Ma Bell 644-0161.

Another item of particular interest is the new two-volume book "Space, Style and Structure" — Building in Northwest America. This is a definitive history of building activity in this beautiful part of America from early pioneer days to the present. Editor for this publication of the Oregon Historical Society is Thomas Vaughn; Associate Editor is Virginia Ferriday (WAL) and the contributors include George McMath, AIA and C. Gilman Davis, AIA as writers; Wallace Huntington, ASLA and photography by Al Edelman, AIA. The two volumes are available from the Historical Society. Whatever the price (which we don't know) it should certainly be worthy of a place on the shelf of your architectural library.

New/Old Firm in Portland

A new firm has recently come into being in Portland . . . this is Bana and Furusho, AIA, Architects and Planners, located at

3310 S. W. Water Avenue - 97201. This is a merger of N. R. Bana and Associates and George Furusho. In their notice to Symposia — they thoughtfully added a little historical info. It seems that Bana is the successor to the DeYoung and Roald firm established in 1921 which eight years ago was made a partner in the firm of Schmeer, Harrington and Bana. With the retirement of Schmeer and Harrington ... the N. R. Bana and Associates group came into being. So ... it has now been changed for another time — Furusho has been in private practice under his own name for about seven years. Prior to that time he was an associate with Dougan and Heims. Bon Voyage, gentlemen, on the somewhat stormy seas of architectural practice.

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CSI Orientation

Guess who was in Salt Lake City for their most important meeting with Students and CSI Members on 26 November? You better believe it was that "most charmin' fella", R. (Rocky) James Noone, Director of Region 10. Held in the Silver King Room of the Travelodge in Salt Lake, the group got together with the young folks from the University of Utah to explore the topic — "What CSI Can Do For You — and How To Get More Out of CSI." Obviously this was a message for both old and young and the Panel Program with eight outstanding participants laid it out in lavender.

Since "Rocky" has been a member of our Symposia Team since almost the very beginning, we know his presentation on any subject (even a dues increase) is

bound to be both witty and wise. We must only add our pleasure in seeing the Salt Lake Chapter taking that first important step involving "the kids" (Forrest Wilson says it's okay to call 'em that if you're over fifty). So, it would seem that Frank Anderson, SLC "fearless" and his Program Chairman, Don Wakefield did it again! Right On! Full details next month.

P.S.: From the "Salt Lake City Chapter News" — this really great quip ... "Isn't it sneaky the way they call it a tax return? It's like your money was going to make a round trip." No way!

washington

The Economy/1975

Members of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute got the "good word" on 19 November from Miner H. Baker, Vice President and Economist of the Seattle First National Bank. In a program titled "The Economy of 1975", Mr. Baker, who in addition to being "a banker type", is also the publisher of the "Summary of Pacific Northwest Industries" — a quarterly and annual business bulletin which has earned a reputation for factual and objective analysis. "Spectrum", the excellent CSI Newsletter in this area, also notes that this was a joint meeting with the Structural Engineers Association of Washington.

The latest in the "Concept" series on "Payments for Materials Stored Off Site" is the work of Al Thurman of the Puget Sound Chapter and Paul Edland (our man in Eugene) of the Willamette Valley CSI group. Concept is a Thurman

Brain Baby which encourages and stimulates the sharing of ideas and techniques which contribute to the education, management, products, service quality and ultimately the image of the entire building industry. It's a winner!

Please meet Ms Sally Sweet!

Sally — in perusing Symposia's pages noted some publicity for the Denver Chapter of the Architectural Secretary's Association, and promptly told us that Seattle had a really great group with National President — Virginia Hansen among those present. Please accept the red-carpet-treatment, Miss Sally, you are most welcome.

The latest endeavor of this active Chapter was the Fifth Annual "Vin D'Affaire" on December 5th at Timberlake's Restaurant and Boutique. This delightful place located in Seattle's unique "Pioneer Square" with its original brick and stone work provided a perfect Backdrop for the "Five-Wine/Bread/Cheese/Fruit" Buffet.

This was the Fifth Annual for Seattle's ASA which is their major fund-raising event and serves to help sponsor students in the architectural field. Sally tells us that each year the net has been over \$1,000. for this most worthy cause.

"Our purpose," writes Sally "is to hold a unique party in a special setting, have a fun time and still raise funds for scholarships."

Keep the good news coming, Sally, we're happy to welcome ASA/Seattle to our pages.

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Over the Thanksgiving Holiday (and we use the term Holiday, advisedly), Bob Fehlberg reports that C.T.A., the architectural/engineering/planning firm moved their Billings HQ to 1500 Poly Drive. We hope to have a look-see at their new lay-out in an up-coming.

An Awards Program for Everybody? Right on—it's the 6th Annual Annual Environment Honor Awards Program for U.S. Corporations. Entry rules are simple . . . any corporation, public or private, profit or nonprofit, may submit entries. More info from "The Environmental Monthly", 284 Alexander Ave—Brooklyn, N. Y. 10454. The deadline is 1 February.



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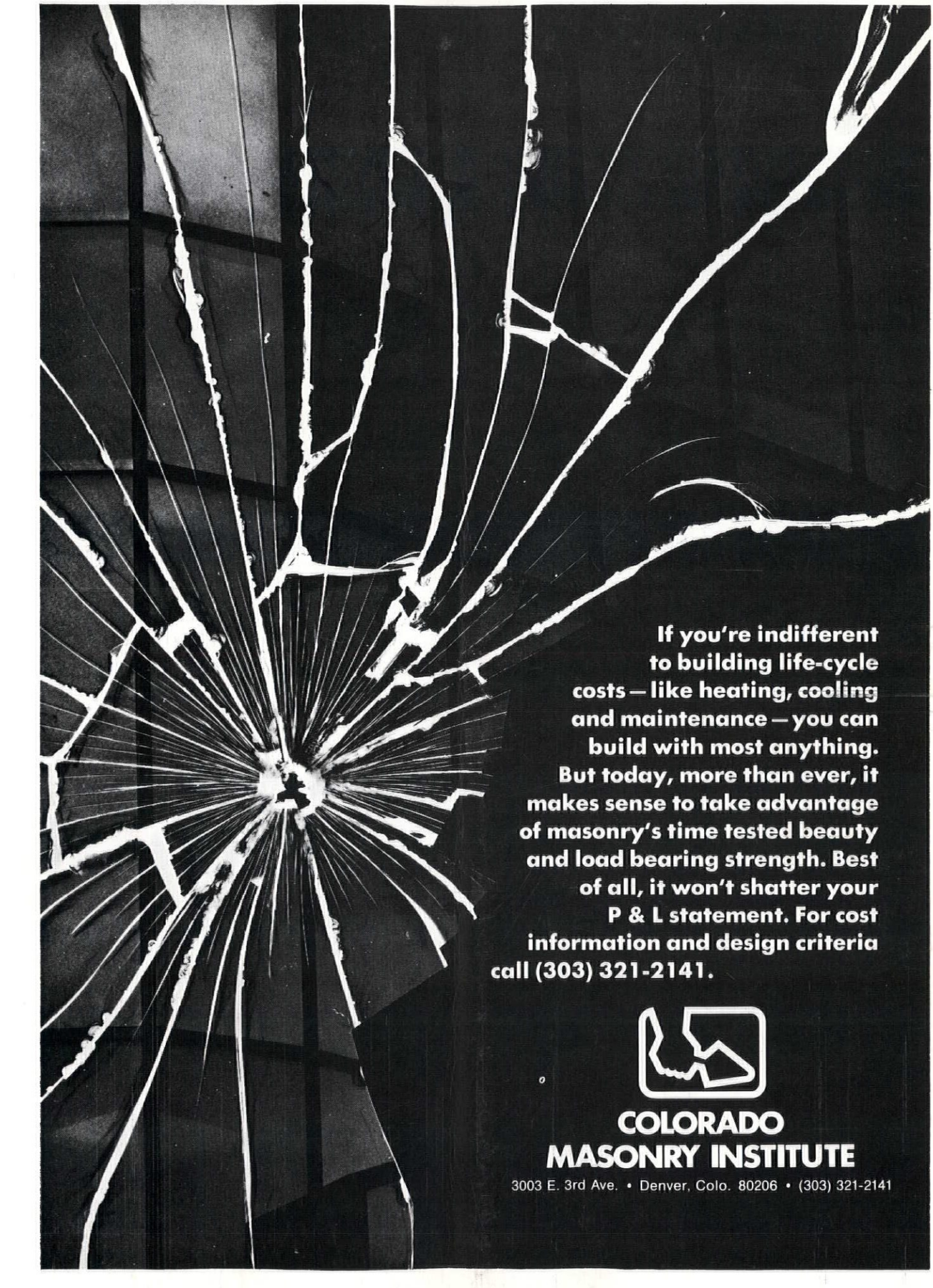
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